

I've been reading the book "The New Media Monopoly" by Ben Bagdikian. It is a sobering read and confirms my thoughts about the state of our so-called "free-press". When the media (most forms of it) are controlled by the boards and presidents of 5 multinational corporations, its really hard for me to hear a comment about our "freedom of the press". The Sinclair Broadcasting corporation is not one of these companies, but its behavior confirms that the people running the company are doing so from their political leanings and not what is ethical and fair to the general viewing public.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The FCC should be condemning this action and/or demanding balanced air time for the other major candidates. I know the airwaves are owned by the public and the broadcasting companies are granted a license for the use of "their" channels. As a result of this inappropriate behavior, the public will get more

involved in the
licensing renewal
process.

[Submitted by a
concerned citizen
who believes the
corporation is not a
citizen and should
not have the same
rights as myself in
this great country
of ours.]

Regards,
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